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SUBJECT: MAURITANIA INVITES JOURNALISTS TO VISIT
SAHARA

1. SWISS MINISTER GASPARD BODMER INFORMED AMBASSADOR ROBERT ANDERSON MARCH10 THAT AS PART OF CAMPAIGN TO COUNTER ALGERIAN PROPAGANDA, MAURITANIANS HAVE INVITED NUMBER OF FOREIGN JOURNALISTS TO PAY THREE-DAY VISIT TO SAHARA BEGINNING MARCH 25. MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR DEY OULD BRAHIM EXTENDED INVITATION TO FIVE SWISS JOURNALISTS THROUGH BODMER YESTERDAY. SIMILAR INVITATIONS EXTENDED TO FIVE JOURNALISTS FROM FRANCE, BELGIUM AND NETHERLANDS. ACCORDING TO BODMER, WHO HAS CHECKED THIS OUT WITH QUAI D'ORSAY, AND BELGIAN AND DUTCH EMBASSIES HERE, ALL HAVE ACCEPTED INVITATION. JOURNALISTS WILL ASSEMBLE IN PARIS; ENTIRE TRIP INCLUDING AIR FARES TO AND FROM PARIS, BEING PAID BY GIRM.

2. BODMER SAID THAT TO AVOID ANY SWISS GOVERNMENT IN-
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VOLVEMENT WHICH MIGHT EXACERBATE ITS ALREADY DIFFICULT

RELATIONS WITH ALGERIA, SELECTION OF FIVE SWISS
JOURNALISTS WILL BE MADE BY SWISS PRESS ASSOCIATION.
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